and 10 items of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals sector). RBI does not capture data separately regarding finance utilised by these 23 products.

Utilisation of Government assistance by States

2220. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government assistance are not being utilised by various State Governments in time because the release of fund is towards the end of the year, if so the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government are considering to introduce new system for the better utilisation of Government assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir. Normal Central assistance for States Annual Plans is released to States in twelve monthly instalments on 1st working day of each of the month. As far as additional Central assistance (ACA) for Externally Aided Projects is concerned, 25% of allocation is released in advance in the first quarter of the financial year and further releases are made on reimbursement basis. ACA for specific schemes/projects is released on utilisation certificate/progress report furnished by State Governments, besides a part being released in advance for most of the schemes.

(b) Does not arise.

Budget allocation for projects in Orissa

2221. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total budget allocation of the Central Projects in Orissa namely, Paradeep Oil Refinery, Petroleum Crude Oil Pipe Line, Paradeep, All India Medical Institutes' branch in Orissa and East Coast Railway Headquarter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBAADSUL): Sir, the budget allocation for East Coast Railway Headquarter during 2003-04 is Rs. 6.50 crores. There is no budget allocation in respect of the other projects during 2003-04.